

## Message Text

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SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN "PRESS RELEASE": OOPS, A MISTAKE\*

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1. THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY'S "PRESS RELEASE" (REFTEL) CAUSED A MINOR STIR IN THE MOSCOW DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND PRODUCED A JAN 11 REPLY BY THE KUWAIT AMBASSADOR AS "THE DEAN OF THE ARAB DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN MOSCOW." THE REPLY IS SHORT AND TEMPERATE, REGRETTING THE RELEASE AND REBUTTING THE "SLANDERS AND FABRICATIONS" AGAINST "ARAB HISTORY AND CIVILIZATION" WHICH ONLY SERVE TO "DISTURB" THE GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN "THE ARAB NATION" AND THE AFRICANS AND HINDER "THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALIZATION, IMPERIALISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND ZIONISM."

2. MEANWHILE, AFTER A LONG SILENCE, THE ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY IS SAYING THAT THE PRESS RELEASE WAS NOT APPROVED BY THE ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR, BUT WAS MISTAKENLY RELEASED BY LOWER-RANKING MEMBERS OF THE EMBASSY STAFF.

3. ETHIOPIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR TOLD EMBOOFF JAN 13 THAT IN FACT THE "PRESS RELEASE" WAS AN ARTICLE TAKEN FROM AN ETHIOPIAN NEWSPAPER ("THE HERALD") AND THAT IT WAS MEANT ONLY FOR DISTRIBUTION TO ETHIOPIAN STUDENTS IN MOSCOW, NOT FOR THE PRESS AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS. THE TYPIST, HE SAID, PUT THE WRONG HEADING ON THE PAPER.

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4. COMMENT: AND SO IT GOES, THE POOR SECRETARIES ALWAYS GET THE BLAME;  
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